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9th Annual Memorial Day Celebration at Sacramento VA Medical Center

"Honoring the California National Guard -- Always ready, always there."

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – "Remembering Our Veterans and Honoring the California National Guard. Always ready, always there" will be the theme at Rancho Cordova's 9th annual Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday, May 25, 2015 at Sacramento VA Medical Center Memorial Plaza, 10535 Hospital Way, Mather 95655.

Pre-program entertainment will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will feature the Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band followed by the commemoration program at 10 a.m. Keynote speaker will be Colonel Richard A. Rabe of the California National Guard. Also on the program will be Congressman Ami Bera, California State Assemblyman Ken Cooley, County Supervisor Don Nottoli, Rancho Cordova Mayor Robert J. McGarvey, and Deputy Secretary, Legislation and Government Relations of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, J.P. Tremblay.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Northern California Police Department will present and retire the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Rick Swinford of the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge #2484. The invocation and benediction will be led by Chaplain Dana Durham of the California National Guard.

The newest commemorative bricks dedicated to local men and women of the armed services will be acknowledged by Associate Director of VA Northern California Health Care System, Dawn B. Erckenbrack. Brick donors will be escorted by the U.S. Navy Sea Cadets and Cordova High School, U.S. Air Force Junior ROTC.

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